

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 691**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Perea**

February 17, 2011

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An act relating to agricultural land conservation.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 691, as introduced, Perea. Agricultural land: one-stop permit assistance pilot program.

Existing law requires the Department of Food and Agriculture to regulate various laws regulating agriculture and farmland in the state.

This bill would declare the intent of the Legislature to enact subsequent legislation that would require the Department of Food and Agriculture to establish a one-stop permit assistance pilot program that would allow farmers and agribusiness owners to obtain all necessary city, county, and state regulatory permits in one location. The bill would further declare the intent of the Legislature that the pilot program should institute a process for the department to coordinate the work of state and local government officials and agency representatives at various levels of government to facilitate the automation and streamlining of regulatory permitting processes in the state and to provide information to the public on the appropriate state agency information Web sites, and the Governor's Office of Economic Development Web site.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no.  
State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

1     SECTION 1. It is the intent of the Legislature to enact  
2 subsequent legislation that would require the Department of Food  
3 and Agriculture to establish a one-stop permit assistance pilot  
4 program to allow farmers and agribusiness owners to obtain all  
5 necessary city, county, and state regulatory permits in one location.  
6 It is further the intent of the Legislature that the pilot program  
7 should institute a process for the department to coordinate the work  
8 of state and local government officials and agency representatives  
9 at various levels of government to facilitate the automation and  
10 streamlining of regulatory permit processes in the state and to  
11 provide information to the public on state agency Web sites and  
12 the Governor's Office of Economic Development Web site.

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